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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE

Iranian Attack

The FBIS bureaus in Bahrain and Jordan are assuming primary responsibility for covering the media of Iran and Iraq in connection with Iran's latest attack on Iraqi forces in the Basra area. The Gulf Bureau, located in Manama, Bahrain, is providing close coverage of Tehran domestic broadcasts as well as Iranian broadcasts in Arabic. The BBC Monitoring Service, which during the Iranian hostage crisis provided the basic coverage of Tehran domestic broadcasts, provided little help during the latest phase of the Iranian-Iraqi War because of poor reception of Iranian broadcasts at its listening posts. The FBIS Jordan Bureau, in Amman, is providing round-the-clock coverage of Baghdad's domestic service and the Iraqi 'Voice of the Masses' transmissions. Monitored material is also being processed by FBIS Jordan from the Iraqi News Agency (INA), and by FBIS Gulf and the BBC from the Iranian Press Agency (IRNA).

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Computer Technology

FBIS documents officers are continuing to provide alerts to the Intelligence Community on developments in both Japanese and Soviet computer technology. During the past week FBIS processed a Japanese document giving detailed technical specifications of the new, major Japanese mainframe computer, the ACOS System 1000. In the Soviet microprocessor field, FBIS is translating the Soviet work, INTEGRATED CIRCUIT MICROPROCESSOR FAMILIES. OSWR analysts say the document provides the first available information on the Soviet production of ECL (emitter-coupled logic) bit-slice microprocessors and gate arrays. It also provides the first acknowledgement of Soviet-East German cooperation on a microprocessor integrated circuit. Besides giving technical specifications of the Soviet-East German circuit, the document says the Soviets have obtained a density of 300,000 elements per chip. OSWR officers observe that if this claim is true it would put the Soviets on a level comparable to current Western standards.

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Military Commands

FBIS services 150 U.S. military consumers around the world by direct wire service from field bureaus. This week, at the Navy's request, the U.S. South Atlantic Command was added as a consumer of 32 "lateral" (direct) services covering Cuba, the Atlantic Coast of Africa,

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Caribbean. In addition, the Department of the Army's Deputy Chief of	
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became a "lateral" consumer for information on Cuba, Nicaragua, and the	
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